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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SURESH KUMAR

APPLICATION No.: 09/531,703

FILED: 3/20/2000

FOR: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BIDDING ON  
MULTIPLE AUCTIONS**

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**Declaration of Suresh Kumar Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

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Sir:

I, Suresh Kumar, solemnly declare and state that:

1. I am the sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/531,703 filed on March 20, 2000.

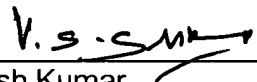
2. Prior to September 3, 1999, I prepared a written description of my invention and submitted it to the in-house counsel of my employer. The document containing my written description is entitled "Software agent for placing bids on multiple related items in an Internet Auction" and is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A with non-relevant portions redacted.

3. After I submitted the document of Exhibit A to in-house counsel, I was asked by in-house counsel to meet with and explain my invention to the patent attorney who was to prepare and file the patent application. The meeting was arranged and scheduled for September 21, 1999. On that day, I explained my invention to the patent attorney. I subsequently answered follow-up questions of the patent attorney, and reviewed and commented on the draft specification and drawings.

4. Exhibit B describes a number of events relating to the preparation and filing of my patent application that occurred from before September 3, 1999 to March 20, 2000, which is the filing date of my application.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information or belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements are made with the knowledge that the making of willful or false statements or the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

Dated this 11 day of December, 2003.

  
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Suresh Kumar